

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above identified application in view of the preceding amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1 and 4-21 are pending. By this Amendment, Applicants have amended Claims 1, 4-7 and 18-20. The claim amendments were made to more precisely define the invention in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 112, paragraph 2. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced by these amendments, as support therefore is found throughout the specification and drawings.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over various U.S. Patent No. 6,414,635 to Stewart et al. (Stewart et al.) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over various combination of Stewart et al. with U.S. Patent No. 6,745,038 to Callaway, Jr. et al. (Callaway) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,028,851 to Persson et al. (Persson et al.). The Examiner's grounds for rejection are herewith traversed, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The allowance of Claim 21 is gratefully acknowledged by the Applicant's representative.

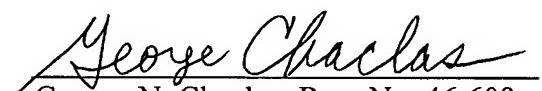
To further prosecution in an expedited manner, Claim 1 has amended to include the limitations of Claim 21 indicated as allowable. Thus, Claim 1 and each of the claims depending therefrom are not rendered obvious by the combination of references cited by the Examiner, and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or overpayments due as a result of filing the present paper may be applied to Deposit Account No. 04-1105. It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now remaining in this application are in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If after reviewing this amendment, the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would facilitate the resolution of any remaining matters the undersigned attorney may be contacted at the number set forth herein below.

Respectfully submitted,

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